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## Who are the SCCWS and what do we do?

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May 2017 “Types of Water Management Groups: Who Does What”.**

The Swift Current Creek Watershed Stewards (SCCWS) are often mistaken for Water Security Agency (WSA) and other agencies. By often, we mean, at least once or twice a week. Many people contact us rather than Water Security Agency due to confusion about the name of WSA before 2012, when it was the Saskatchewan Watershed Authority (SWA). Many people referred to them as the “Watershed Authority” or even just ‘Watershed” and the name had stuck with many people despite the official name change to Water Security Agency. Many people also shorten our name to the Swift Current Creek Watershed. This mistaken identity has people who look up contact information for "Watershed" or “Watershed Authority” in Swift Current find our phone number or e-mail and contact us. Unfortunately we then have to tell them they have contacted the wrong agency and direct them to the correct agency which undoubtedly adds to the frustration of the individuals who are looking for answers.

In addition to Watershed Stewardship Groups (WSGs) of which SCCWS is one

of 11 in the province, there are Watershed Associations (WA), and Conservation and Development (C&D) Area Authorities which also work in the field of water and land management. Both are forms of local government acting with legal authority under Provincial Legislation. By establishing a WA or C&D landowners and local governments can work together to initiate and implement projects that respond to water management issues such as the downstream effect of agriculture drainage. Both groups are able to own, operate and maintain water management projects and works. There are no Conservation and Development Areas or Watershed Associations within the Swift Current Creek Watershed or Rush Lake Creek Watershed.

Water Security Agency is a provincial crown corporation established in 2012 to implement the *25 Year Saskatchewan Water Security Plan*. WSA acts with the authority of the Water Security Agency Act and has most of the regulatory responsibility for water in the province. If you have questions about rules and regulations around water management, development of water sources and water use, contact the WSA office in your area.

SCCWS is a stakeholder driven organization whose mission is to “Enhance water quality and stream health of the Swift Current Creek by promoting awareness and understanding among water users.” SCCWS receives funding from WSA to undertake watershed planning within the Swift Current Creek and Rush Lake Creek Watersheds. SCCWS is a member of the Saskatchewan Association of Watersheds (SAW), the umbrella group for watershed stewardship groups in Saskatchewan. SAW provides a provincial wide unified voice about issues of watershed stewardship common across the province. SAW allows SCCWS to work with other watershed groups to promote projects, activities and practices that support water quality and watershed health within our watershed and the province as a whole.

SCCWS undertakes projects to improve land and water stewardship and educate residents about what they can do to improve water quality and watershed health. Such projects include revegetation along the creek, and development of a rain garden in Swift Current to help filter rain water before it enters the creek. SCCWS continues to look for projects that will improve water quality and watershed health as well as promote good stewardship practices to it residents. SCCWS delivers the Froghoppers educational program which teaches students lifelong stewardship practices. SCCWS also actively

monitors for zebra mussels and other invasive animal and plant species and educates the public about eliminating the spread of invasive species. SCCWS also receives funding from the Saskatchewan Ministry of Agriculture under the Canadian Agricultural Partnership to assist with the delivery of Agriculture Environmental Technical Services. SCCWS can assist producers to access funding to implement Beneficial Management Practices that work to improve our water sources as well as improve the producer's operation. If interested please contact Dallas Peters at 306-770-4607 or [dallas.peters@canada.ca](mailto:dallas.peters@canada.ca).

To further complicate matters SCCWS's office is located in the LB Thomson Building home to some Agriculture and AgriFood Canada (AAFC) divisions. SCCWS is not a part of the federal government, but rents office space from the federal government. As a result of this arrangement SCCWS has developed a good working relationship with AAFC especially the Water Infrastructure Division who has assisted SCCWS with a number of its projects, the most recent of which is the 2017 Monitoring Project.

To summarize Water Security Agency formerly known as The Saskatchewan Watershed Authority is responsible for all of the regulation around water development and use. If you have questions about those topics contact the Swift Current WSA office number at 306-778-8257. If you have questions about what you can do to improve water quality and watershed health please contact SCCWS and we will be happy to answer them. If you have project ideas please contact us and we can see how we can work with you to implement projects to improve and promote water quality and watershed health.

To learn more about Water Security Agency, how to form Watershed Associations or a Conservation and Development Area please visit [www.wsask.ca](http://www.wsask.ca). To learn more about SCCWS visit [www.sccws.com](http://www.sccws.com), call us at 306-770-4607 or e-mail us at [stewards@sccws.com](mailto:stewards@sccws.com).



## Froghoppers again a success in 2018

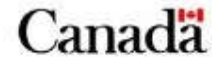
Since 2003 the Swift Current Creek Watershed Stewards (SCCWS) has delivered a program to educate students about watershed stewardship and what students and their families can do to ensure our water supply is safe and sustainable for many years to come. This education program, called Froghoppers has been provided to schools, summer camps and other youth groups at no cost to them. SCCWS is proud to have presented this program to over 5,000 students across our watershed since 2003.

Froghoppers continued in 2018 in the capable hands of our Summer Stewardship Coordinator, Victoria Orthner. This summer Victoria gave 53 presentations to a total of 623 students. We look forward to the next generation of watershed stewards continuing to grow with an increased awareness of the practices that they and their family can put in place to improve water quality and the health of the watershed. SCCWS values the achievements of the Froghoppers program and will continue to explore how we can best share the message of watershed and land stewardship to students in the future.

The last four summers SCCWS has been fortunate to have Victoria Orthner organizing Froghoppers as our Summer Student Coordinator. Victoria will be moving on to the next challenge in her life to become a music teacher in Manitoba. SCCWS wishes Victoria all the best as she embarks on her chosen career.

SCCWS would like to thank the Rural Municipalities of Webb and Excelsior and the Town of Herbert for their financial contributions to SCCWS to help fund the Froghoppers program in 2018. If you are interested in having SCCWS present to your school or youth group throughout the school year or during the summer contact us at 306-770-4607 or [stewards@sccws.com](mailto:stewards@sccws.com).

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